THE SOCIAL WORLD.

With the increasing tide of returning city people from their summer haunts comes the usual increase in the activity of the various social circles of the city, and the number of ergagements which have already been announced gives a strong impression that the season to come will be of a vast pr pression that the season to come will be of a vast al of interest to those people whose chief joy in deal of interest to those people whose chief joy in He is to attend public weddings, and, failing a supply of weddings, to accept funerals as a good substitute. Life in the clubs is blossoming out with renewed vigor, and, while the excitement attending the political canvass may have some effect in lessening the attendance until after the elections are over, there will still be plenty to talk about and discuss, even when politics is barred.

Of the engagements which have been announced within the week just ended, perhaps the most im-pertant from a social point of view is that of Miss Florence. Gibb. a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibb, to Herbert L. Pratt. Miss Gibb, since her intreduction to society a year ago, has been one of the treduction to society a year ago, has been one of the belles of the town, and has been spending the summer at the country home of her father, in Isilip, where her sister, Miss Edith Gibb, is recovering from a severe attack of malarial fever. Young Mr. Pratt, like his brother, George D. Pratt, is one of the best-known young men in Brooklyn. He is one of the crack football players, and his name has been mentioned for the captaincy of the Crescent Athletic Club's team.

Another Crescent man who will soon enter the list of Benedicts is Edgar Atwater Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Manning, of No. 250 Hicks-st., who will marry Miss Elizabeth Hull, of Wallingford, Conn., on a date which is yet to be

An out-of-town wedding, in which many Brooklyn people were interested, was that of Miss Fanny Wheeler Peloubet, formerly of Greene-ave., who was married to the Rev. Ernest Fiedler Neilson, of Newmarried to the Rev. Ernest Fiedler Nellson, of Newburg, N. Y., on Thursday last, at the summer home of her parents, in Goshen. The Rev, Dr. F. N. Peloubet, of Boston, officiated. The bride is a member of one of the oldest families on Long Island, and is related to General Jeremiah Johnson, and to the Carpenters, who took a large part in the war of the Revolution. The homestead in which the ceremony was performed has been in the possession of the Carpenter family for more than two hundred years.

The announcement of the engagement of Mis-Mary Horsman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Horsman, of Berkeley Place, to Robert Appleton. of New-York, will be of interest to Brooklyn peo-ple. Miss Horsman, who is only seventeen years old, is still with her parents, in Summit, N. J., and is not expected back in town before the latter part of next month.

Another engagement announced is that of Miss Amy M. Andrews, daughter of the late Dudley B. Andrews, to Allan M. Craig, of Philadelphia. The date of the wedding has not yet been set.

A large number of guests were present at the silwedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. ifmann, which was celebrated at their home, No. 16 Williams-ave. on Wednesday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Coyle, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Coyle, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh. George Enner, Mr. and Mrs. Friese, Mr. Thompson, Miss Weinecke, Miss Pauline Kauffmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Miss Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Deversaux, Mr. and Mrs. Hickey, Dr. and Mrs. Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. Melekey, Dr. and Mrs. West, Miss Deversaux, Mr. and Mrs. Chappeli, Mrs. West, Miss Devercaux, Mr. and Mrs. Chappeli, Mrs. West, Miss Devercaux, Mr. and Mrs. Drinker, John Kauffmann, Miss Katle Tlerney, R. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss Brown, Mr. Haff, Frank Cohen, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Paye, Dr. Botsford, Miss Walsh, Mr. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Sanchs, Mr. Bruns.

A pretty affair in Bath Reach on Thursday even was the wedding of Miss Ella Rose Smith and ing was the wedding of Miss Ella Rose Smith and Edward P. Decker, which was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Smith, Elishty-sixth-st, and Nineteenth-ave. The place was decorated with pink and white roses, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. John W. Kramer, of the Church of the Holy Spirit. It was witnessed by the relatives and immediate friends only. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Decker from their wedding tour they will make their home in New-York.

On Wednesday, September 23, the wedding of Miss Marie Adele Boswell, granddaughter of the late Daniel Godwin, and Henry S. Alkenhead will be celebrated in Grace Presbyterian Church, at Jefferson and Stuyvesant aves.

men of Miss Mai Foss, daughter of Mrs. Sarah B. Foss, of Massachusetts-ave. N. W., to Charles Francis Jones, of Brooklyn. Mr. Jones is a widower, his first wife, who was Miss Cobb, of Brooklyn, having died nearly three years ago. It is said that the wedding will take place in November.

Colonel and Mrs. Loomis L. Langdon and their sons have returned to town from a tour along the early in the year iss New-England coast and through Nova Scotla and parts of Canada. They came home by way of

One of the fashionable affairs of the early autumn among the cottage colony in Southampton will be the wedding on September 30 of Miss Alice B. Bowers-Lee and Ralph Gifford Miller, the ceremony to be performed by the Rev. Dr. Rainsford in the little Church of St. Andrew on the dunes. The Bowers-Lees are among the pioneer cottagers of that section of the island, and were among the founders of the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club and other organizations. They spend the greater part of the year in Southampton, going abroad for a few months in the winter.

Cards announcing the marriage on Wednesday September 2, in St. John's Church, St. John, N. B. of Miss Constance Cookson Carter, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Carter, to George Shafer Catlin have been sent out. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin have sent out "at home" cards for Thursday, October 22, from 4 until 6 p. m., and from 8 until 10 o'clock, at No. 168

A wedding which is expected to take place this autumn is that of Miss Gertrude Purdy and Fahle Berkeley, the engagement of the couple having be announced within the last few days. Miss Purdy is the daughter of William S. Purdy, secretary of is the daughter of William S. Furdy, secretary of the Mutual Gas Light Company, of New-York, and a niece of Dr. Purdy, of New-York, who is consult-ing physician at the Seney Hospital. She is well known in the Heights set. Mr. Berkeley, who is president of the Brooklyn Bond and Mortgage Title Company, is well known as a member of the Prooklyn Yacht Club, the Carleton Club, the Booth Dramatic Society, the "Dutch Arms Club" and the Good Roads Association.

Another engagement announced last week is that of Miss Ada Belle Randall, daughter of Mr. and Purdy, of Third-st. Miss Randall is one of the best-known members of the Park Slope set, and her nance is a member of the staff of "The Brooklyn Eagle." Mrs. Edward Randall, of Carroll-st., and Percy

The annual fish dinner of the Conarsic Nine icck place last night at the Bayside Hotel, Canarsic Long Island. Covers were laid for thirty members and grests. Edward Ruhlman presided. Among those invited were F. R. Franke, president of the Pruli Buyers' Union; Victor L. Zorn, secretary; Print Buyers Union, Victor L. Zorn, recretary,
A. Zucca, president of the Italian Societies; Commedore Edward M. Brown, of the New-York Yacat
Ciub, P. J. McGavisk, ex-Mayor of Hoboken, N. J.,
Bank Tuck, of The Fruit Trade Journal", Walter
Enyder, of Enkimore, ex-president of the National
Jesupa of Commission Merchants; John Furman,
Frank W. Mix, J. F. Gould, John E. Miller, general
agent Eric Ratirond, and D. W. Goodrich.

#### LYMAN'S DECISION REVERSED.

JUSTICE DICKEY DECIDES AN IMPORTANT LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE CASE.

A smit has been brought before Justice William D. Dickey, of the Supreme Court, to determine the ownership of an internal revenue llouor tax certificate. Some time ago Commissioner Lyman held that even if a liquor tax certificate was taken out by a brewer, the owner of the saloon or the person who was running it was entitled to the money funded under the law in a case of surrender. The suit in question was brought by the William H. Frank Brewing Company against Terresina Figundio. It was brought to restrain the defendant, her ngents, servants, etc., from interfering with the liquor tax certificate, or surrendering it to any one except to a receiver appointed by the Court, and for the appointment of a receiver for the property mentioned in the complaint, heretofore the property of the defendant, with directions to convert the liquor tax certificate into money by surrendering it to the special Deputy Commissioner of Excise for Distric New-York County, and receiving the amount of the refund thereof, as provided by Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1896. The order was granted in all respects,

NOTES FROM THE CLUBS.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN BROOKLYN SOCIAL ORGANIZATION.

THE UNION LEAGUE PREPARING FOR A BUSY SEASON-PLANS OF THE IRVING CLUB

The club season is beginning to open again, but it has been held back more or less by the unexpected hot spell. The fact that the schools open this year a week later than ever before keeps many people in the country, and the hot weather has increased the number of absentees. The probability is now that it will be two or three weeks before the clubs begin to fill

The Union League Club is preparing for an unusually busy season. Politics will have the first consideration, and the social element will not be so prominent as usual until after election. A number of receptions and entertainments are already being planned, but most of them will be deferred until the political excitement dies away, and the remainder will be chiefly of a political nature.

Several political dinners and receptions are likely to take place in the coming month. One of them will be given for Frank S. Black and Timothy L. Woodruff, the Republican candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. The date and particulars have not yet been arranged, owing to the absence of Mr. Woodruff in the Adirondacks and Mr. Black in Maine; but it is certain that both will be entertained in the style for which the club is famous. The plan is not to have the reception an exclusive affair, but to let the candidates have a chance to shake hands with Republican voters and to give the people a chance to get acquainted with their next Governor and Lieutenant-

Governor. There does not seem to be a bright prospect for a football team in the Crescent Club. William H. Ford, who has from the first been the leading spirit in the club's football work, is not willing to under-

in the club's football work, is not willing to undertake the somewhat difficult task of organizing a team and guiding it to success. Herbert L. Pratt, who was unanimously named for the captaincy, declined, and this left the club without a leader in the field of football.

The Irving Club is rapidly advancing in the same sport, and will this year put an excellent team in the field, captained by Herbert C. McKenzie. The team of last year played six games with other clubs and scored seventy-four points to their opponents twenty. Bowling and whist are likely to be more popular than ever in this club, which has always devoted a great deal of attention to them, and a series of semi-monthly evenings of whist for women, will probably be begun this winter. Several other clubs will be invited to take part. The monthly dances will also be resumed this fall.

As the members of the Driving Club begin to gather in the house for the fall season, a damper is cast upon their pleasure by the recent death of Herbert B. Cook. Mr. Cook, who was only twenty-five years old, was one of the most popular men in the club, and his funeral was attended by nearly all the members who were in town. A handsome floral tribute was sent in the name of the club. It may be remembered that Mr. Cook was drowned at Atlantic City.

YOUNG, BUT EXPERIENCED.

PRESIDENT W. H. BALDWIN, JR., OF THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

HE HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF OWNERS AND EM-PLOYES, AND CONSEQUENTLY HIS

W. H. Baldwin, jr., the newly elected president of the Long Island Railroad, is the youngest railroad president in the East. He is only thirty-three years old, and has gone up in ten years from a clerkship in the Union Pacific Railroad Company offices to become the successor of the late Austin Corbin. Baidwin has apparently learned every phase of th ner was president of the Young Men's Christian Union. Young Baldwin received his education in the public schools of Boston and was graduated at Harvard. Soon after leaving college he accepted a clerk- the waste basket. The letter was an invitation from ship from the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and of that company at Butte, Mont. In June of that year and until February 1 of the following year he served as the general freight agent of the road at Omaba. From that time until September 30, 1889, he was manager of the Leavenworth division of the road, and then, until August 1, 1890, he was general manager of the Montana Union Railway, serving for

short time as president of the road. By this time he was recognized as a ratiroad man of ability, and was induced to return to the Union Pacific road as vice-president. From June 27, 1881, to July 1, 1894, Mr. Baidwin was general manager of the Flint and Père Marquette Railroad, and then he went South as third vice-president of the Southern Rallway System On September 18 of last year Mr. Baldwin became second vice-president of the system, with headquarters at Washington, and this place he now gives up to

ne the president of the Long Island road.

Mr. Baldwin's services have always been in demand for the purpose of building up and reorganizing rail-roads. He practically did all the work of reconstructing the Southern Railroad. As soon as the several small roads came into that system they were taken hold of by him and organized and made valuable feeders of the main line. The day he assumed th direction of the old Richmond and Danville road he urned everything bottom side up and introduced his own ideas to rehabilitate the line and place it on a paying basis. Early in his railroad career in the South he saw the importance of the negro question. He made up his mind that the best thing for the negro was to give him work and keep him at it. He employed hundreds of them, finding them to be excellent workmen, and where before he had a lazy, shiftless crowd, he turned out many useful and lawabiding citizens.

With all his work, Mr. Baldwin has found time for other things. He loves books, and is an active member of the American Academy of Social and Political.

B. Hill had not been so decided in support of Frederick Cook for Governor he might not have been instructed as a delegate. He made up his mind that the best thing for the

studied law after leaving college, but not with the ldea of following it as a profession. He wanted the learning, and has since found this knowledge of great

It is one of his peculiarities that when he has left a road he has taken no friends along to take care of. He has taken the material on hand, or has sought out He has taken the material on hand, or has sought out new blood in new fields. Colonel William R. Morrison, the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, once said of Mr. Baidwin: "Baidwin has no tricks. I believe everything he says." This is perhaps the best key to his character. Men trusted Mr. Baidwin, and with that confidence he ad men and they believed in him. Laboring men know him as a friend, and he believes in their organizations. Not long ago, when a strike was threatened on the Southern Railroad which promised to be a long and serious one. Mr. Baidwin took the men into his confidence, and showed them facts and figures, with the result that the difficulty was averted because his employes trusted in his word and knew that he would deceive them in nothing. His selection as the president of the Long Island road is as graftfying to the employes as it is to the directors and stockholders. He brings with him an assurance of success.

#### THE JUDICIARY CONVENTION.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE SUPREME COURT

EGOM ON SEPTEMBER 22. A meeting was held yesterday by the officers designated to name the time and place of holding the Republican Judiciary Convention for the Second Judicial District. Judge Joseph Aspinali, of the County Court, was chairman, and Jacob Brenner was secretary. The following resolution was

Resolved. That the Republican Judiciary Con-vention for the Second Judicial District meet at the Supreme Court room, at the County Court-House, in the city of Brooklyn, on Saturday, Sep-tember 26, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate our candidates for Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York for the Second Judicial

Mr. Brenner announced that this year tickets of admission to the convention room will be furwith the defendant was enjoined from interfering with the certificate and from doing any act whereby the recovery of the money to be refunded would be to overcome the crowding of the convention room which occurred last year and occasioned considerable business Jacob Brenner receiver of the property, and he is directed to surrender the certificate to the succial Deputy Commissioner of Excise, and to renished to the delegates and alternates, and no one

DECIDES TO OPEN THE CAMPAIGN THIS WAY.

IT WILL BE HELD BEFORE BRYAN SPEAKS HERE, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS ALL OVER THE CITY-THE NEW

HEADQUARTERS.

The Advisory Committee of the Republican Campaign Committee held its first business meeting at the new Republican campaign headquarters in the Rothschild Building, Fulton and Jay sts., yester-The entire committee was present except Controller Palmer, who wrote that he unable to be present. Chairman Jacob Brenner

The committee is full of enthusiasm, and it was the unanimous desire to set the campaign ball rolling at once, and to keep it spinning until the finish. Members of the committee will confer with the Republican National Committee in New-York City on Monday and arrange for speakers. It is the intention of the committee to begin the campaign with a mass-meeting in Brooklyn at the earliest date upon which the National Committee can furnish a suitable speaker of National reputation. It is the desire of the committee to hold the mass-meeting this week if possible, and, at any rate, before the Bryan mass-meeting. The committee is soing to ask for either Senator Thurston, Speaker Thomas B. Reed or Garret A. Hobart, Republican candidate for Vice-President. It is oubted whether General Harrison will come East again in the campaign, so he cannot be obtained. Immediately after this "first-gun" mass-meeting mass-meetings are to be held in all the wards, and the battle is not to be permitted to lag for an in-stant anywhere along the line until the finish.

Another huge mass-meeting is to be held immedi ately after Bryan speaks here on September 23, and meat of such sophistries as the Popocratic candi date may give out for Brooklynites. speakers at this meeting and at the National Democratic State Convention in this city have disposed of the Nebraskan's alleged arguments, it is not believed that there will be any perceptible effect

from them in Kings County.

Major A. C. Tate, chairman of the War Veterans Patriotic League, which now has a membership of 600, was present at the meeting yesterday, and confunction with the Republican Campaign Committee in making the local campaign a hot one. He requested that the League be allowed to have desk room at headquarters, and this request was cheerfully conceded. General E. L. Molineaux, General C. T. Christensea and Senator George W. Brush are active members of the League.

The appointment of men new in campaign work as mittee was shown yesterday to be a wise move. The new men were full of novel ideas for the conduct of the campaign, and many of these will be adopted.

headquarters of the Republican Campaign Committee occupies the entire second floor of the Rothschild Building. The carpenters yesterday morning finished the work of partitioning off a number of small rooms along the Jay-st. side. This leaves a large room that will be used for general purposes

The fairly commodious room that faces both streets is the committee meeting room. The next room will be occupied by Chairman Brenner. Then come two rooms devoted to the secretary and treasin the reception of visitors. The smaller rooms have been neatly furnished.

The clerical force will be in charge of that veteran campaigner David P. Watkins, assisted by John S.

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Two large transparencies occupy two sides of the building. That on Fulton-st. is 12x29 feet, and contains the names of the candidates. The Jay-st. transparency is 15.6x21.5 feet, with a red background. It has portraits of McKinley and Hobart on either side of the Goddess of Liberty.

Waiter B. Atterbury was busy yesterday sending invitations to prominent citizens to become members of the Finance Committee, of which he is chairman. Several prominent honest-money Democrats have signified their willingness to serve on this committee. Mr. Atterbury's invitations call attention to the fact that the cause for which they are asked to work is "for the preservation of the National honor and the restoration of prosperity."

Chairman Powell has called a meeting of the Republican Organization Committee for Monday night to take up the Twenty-fifth Ward affair.

SORROW IN THE TENT OF TOWNS.

HIM SORELY, AND REFUSES TO BE COMFORTED. Mirabeau Lamartine Towns, poet, orator, lawver, perennial candidate for almost any office in the Casabianca of the Grasshopper State, received a letter. A look of disgust spread over his recently acquired Populistic whiskers, and the letter sought "Bert" Reiss challenging Mr. Towns to a joint down by Edward M. Shepard in a similarly pro-posed controversy, Mr. Towns did not relish the invitation, considering the source from which it of courtesy has roused the ire of the young man

who sent it.

"I am not running an infant class," said Mr.
Towns, "neither have I a school for political mes-sengers. If I did, I know of no one whom I would take greater pleasure in instructing than the beautiful violet-tressed young Ganymede of Jake Worth." Worth."
Mr. Towns is looking for large game. He feels the refusal of Edward M. Shepard sorely,

A NEW COMMITTEE, BUT THE OLD CROWD. Bernard J. York, chairman of the Democratic Committee: Bernard J. York, chairman; Thomas F Facrell, secretary; Robert T. Brown, corresponding cretary; Jere J. Cronin, P. H. Quinn, John Mc Keon, Charles F. Brown, John J. O'Connor, James M. Gray, William Hughes, George W. Philips, Patrick Hayes, P. H. McCarren, Joseph H. Gleisch, eodore Maurer, Peter J. Norton, Edward Glinnen, Allen McBarron, Edward J. Dooley, John Courtney, William R. McGuire, Joseph W. Duffy, George Upington, Frederick B. Bailey, Anthony J. Burger John Maguire, Gottfried Westernacher, Joseph Lawson, Richard O'Grady, James P. Graham, John W.

#### YOUNG DEMOCRATS UNDECIDED.

A regular meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn will be held in the club rooms tonorrow evening at 8 o'clock. A' this meeting the following resolutions will be moved for adoption: Whereas, the Democratic party of the United States, in convention assembled, did by a majority vote nominate William J. Bryan for President and Arthur Sewall for Vice-President, therefore he its Resolved, That the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn indorses the nomination of Bryan and Sewall, and pleeges itself to their support; and be it further rther Resolved, That the resolution passed heretofore this club approving of a gold standard be recon-

Notice has also been given of intention to offer

Resolved, That the candidates nominated and platform adopted by the Democratic party at Indianapolis he indorsed and the support of the Young Men's Democratic Club of the city of Brooklyn is piedged thereto."

PRENDERGAST TO "STUMP" THE STATE. James P. Prendergast, who made the speech which resulted in the nomination of Timothy L. been engaged by the Republican State Committee the State. He will begin his work this week. Mr. Prendergast has proved himself to be a convincing speaker, and the committeemen are confident that he will make an excellent impression wherever he may be sent.

FOR A WOMAN'S REPUBLICAN LEAGUE. A movement has been begun in Brooklyn to organize a Woman's Republican Union League, for the purpose of taking an active part in the campaign for the election of McKinley and Hobart. Mrs. Charles H. Winslow, of No. 712 Lafayette-ave, is in charge of the enlistment of members, and it is expected that the proposed league will be a success.

DEMOCRATS URGED TO JOIN SHEPARD. The Democratic Party Reform Organization in Kings County, which is now leading the honestmoney movement among Brooklyn's Democrats has issued an address to the Democratic voters in Kings County. The letter is an invitation to all Democrats who are unwilling to march in the Bryan procession to join the Shepardite organization, in order that the most effective fight may be made awainst the Popocrats.

#### TO HOLD A MASS-MEETING. | AMHERST'S NEW IMFIRMARY

THE REPUBLICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE IT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE GEORGE D. PRATT HOME.

> MR. PRATT'S FAMILY HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LIBERAL TOWARD THE COLLEGE-THE ATHLETIC FIELD A GIFT FROM

The new Amherst infirmary, the gift of George D. Pratt, of this city, will be built by a Boston firm, the contract having been awarded recently. Pratt was graduated in 1863. His family has done much for the college, especially in the

The cost of the infirmary will be about \$17,000. William B. Tubby is the architect of the new building. It is to be situated half a mile from the college on a slight elevation, and will be known as the George D. Pratt Home. The building will be a three-story frame structure, 34x45 feet, in the Colonial style. The basement of the building will have a concrete floor, covered with a layer of Portland cement. It will be partitioned off into

MUSIC IS NEGLECTED.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO SECURE THE TEACHERS NECESSARY.

THEIR NUMBER WILL NOT BE INCREASED, NOT-WITHSTANDING THE NEW SCHOOLS - NO SUPERVISION POSSIBLE UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education in the discussion of the treatment which Brooklyn's schools will receive in the Greater New-York, the point was made that under the school system prevailing in this city the schools had reached a state of excellence second to none in the Union. No one denied this statement, and no one is likely to deny it; and yet it is true that there is one department of study in which Brooklyn is deficient as compared with other cities. This department is music Music is not regarded, by most people as one of the most important branches in the common school but it has been regarded as important enough to establish and maintain a music department. That this department is not maintained at as high



have a large semi-circular porch, upon which will rest Doric columns, supporting a fenced balcony to open upon the second floor. Three large winseparated by panels and ornamented with circle pediments and dentils, open out upon this

The entrance has been provided with heavy double folding-doors, veneered with oak. with another set of heavy doors, open into the hall. At the right of the hall will be the dining-room. 15x17 feet, lighted by two windows on two sides and having a large fireplace in the centre of the side facing the front windows. To the right of the the dining-room entrance to the pantry will be the quartered oak and ash. The kitchen will contain everything useful to a modern culinary depart-ment. On the left of the main nall will be the sitting-room, of the same dimensions as the diningroom. The office and the matron's room, connected

room. The office and the matron's room, connected with each other and back of the sitting-room, will also open into the hall.

The second floor will be connected with the first by a wide staircase of panelled wainscoting, There will be five wards on the floor, a nurses' room, operating-room and retiring rooms. The finishings will be in oak, and each ward will have its fireplace.

The special feature of the building is the arrangement for the third story, which has been designed for contarious diseases exclusively. It will be in three suites, entirely separated from each other, each one to have a ward, nurses' room, bath and dietary kitchen. A gallery will run around the four sides of the floor, supporting by twenty-eight loule columns and capitals, the roof around the four sides of the floor, supporting by twenty-eight londe columns and capitals, the roof. Upon the roof wil he a deck, 12x20 feet, surrounded by a balcony and containing four skylights. Four red brick chimneys, handsome trimmed and capped with brownstone, surmount the roof. The entire building will be heated by steam. The contract calls for its completion by March 1, 1857.

There have been many gifts to the college by the Pratt family. Charles M. Pratt, of the class of 10, was the chief donor of the gymnasium built in 1884. Six years later Frederick B. Pratt, of the class of 57, gave the athletic field, which cost over \$20,000.

#### ALDERMEN ASKED TO AID

MR. WILLIS WANTS \$75,000 IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE WATER SUPPLY.

HE ALSO ASKS THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE APPROPRIATION DESIRED BY COMMIS-SIGNER WHITE MAY BE LOOKED UPON FAVORABLY.

Commissioner of City Works Theodore B. Willis sent the following letter to the Board of Aldermen

Commissioner's Office,
Department of City Works,
Municipal Building,
Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. II, 1896.
To the Hon, the Common Council.
Gentlemen: In view of the complaints of a number of our citizens in regard to the quality of our water which they receive and the recent recommendation of the Board of Health, it is my duty to again call your attention to the necessity of immediate action on the appropriations required for the protection of the water supply, and which both my predecessor and myself have submitted to your approval.

immediate action of the water supply, and which for the protection of the water supply, and which both my predecessor and myself have submitted to your approval.

I will particularly refer to the appropriation of size,600, asked on famuary 16 of the present year by my predecessor, ex-Commissioner White, for the protection of the Hempstead stream. I have had occasion before to call your attention to the imperative necessity of this work. The Hempstead storage reservoir is the largest one we possess, and the stream supplying it one of the most important in our watershed; and yet it is the one presenting the greatest dangers from pollution, so that not a moment more should be lost in carrying out the work so long ago prepared and recommended by this Department. In the annual budget, submitted to you on May 4 last, I also inserted an item of \$12.00 for cleaning, maintaining and special dredging of ponds and removal of nuisances under the State law. The efficient protection of the water supply requires immediate and favorable action on the appropriations asked for that purpose, as above mentioned, and I further hereby recommend the granting of an additional sum of \$5.00 for the purchase of lands and work incidental to the protection of the water supply. I inclose the necessary resolution to authorize this additional expenditure, and trust that the same, as well as the annual budget and the previous appropriation asked by ex-Commissioner White, may have your favorable consideration and prompt action. Yours respectfully.

THEODORE B. WILLIS.

The letter was accompanied by a resolution ap-

propriating the sum of \$75,000 to purchase lands buildings and dredging apparatus for the protec-tion of the water supply of the city. Professor Leeds's biological report on the con-dition of the water is expected to be given out on Monday.

POSSIBLE WALLABOUT MARKET CHANGES.

Commissioner Willis visited the Wallabout Mar-

west side of Washington-ave, where additional improvements are contemplated. He has been coasidering plans for constructing two plers at the north end of the basin, where the present public purposes and will be leased to the companies offer ing the highest consideration to the city. The ommissioner has two schemes, either to have th commissioner has two schemes, either to have the city build the piers and lease them to the railroads, or to allow the railroads to build them in recompense for a fifteen-year lease, which is the same term as that now made on the Wallabout Market property. The object is to bring the railroads in direct connection with the Wallabout Market. Commissioner Willis will ask the Mayor to give a public hearing before final action is taken, when the market men and others interested will have a chance to express their views.

THE ARAM, ONCE BERMUDA, LIBELLED. The steamship Aram, formerly the Bermuda

has been libelled by William E. Ferguson and Edhas been libelled by William E. Ferguson and Edward Trinnins, on a claim for towage contracted last January, amounting to \$180. The seizure was made by a deputy from Marshal Hayden's office. The vessel is now lying off Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Her owners are trying to secure a new register from the Liberian Consul or from the representative of some other country before she can clear from United States ports. It is thought that the vessel will be bonded, as it is said her owners have contracted with the Junta to deliver another cargo of arms and ammunition to the insurements in Cuba.

grade of excellence as the other studies is the fault of the city authorities.

The music department itself is in no way to blame. Albert S. Caswell, the musical director, is universally recognized as an able and efficient teacher, and there is no question that he, like the members of the Music Committee, has done his duty as far as he was permitted. The examination for music-teacners' certificates conducted by enter the service who is not a teacher of proven ability. The trouble lies with the failure of the city to provide funds enough to carry on musical instruction in an efficient way. James B. Bouck, chairman of the Committee on

Evening Schools, pointed out some days ago in an nterview in The Tribune that it was impossible to carry on night schools in a way that would be productive of any good results with the money that has been given to that department in recent years The same is true of the music department, and the shortcomings of Brooklyn musical instruction are becoming far more decided as the schools increase and additional territory is annexed, while the appropriation remains as small as ever,

#### MR. CASWELL HAMPERED.

In the other departments of instruction the Superintendent, Mr. Maxwell, is unhampered by any de-mands on his time aside from that of his actual work of direction. He does not have to instruct, but simply to superintend the work of instructors, and is therefore enabled to do good work. Mr. Caswell, however, who occupies in the music department the same place which Mr. Maxwell does in the others, is obliged to him he can spend in directing the work of his High School, Manual Training School, Training School for Teachers and in Schools Nos. 93, 97, 99 and the schools of the Thirty-second Ward. The new Erasmus Hall High School will now be added

The teachers in the public schools are carefully pervised, and that is one reason for the excellence of the schools. They are under the eyes of the principals and heads of departments, and should these officials be disposed to favor the teachers, that evil is counteracted by the further supervision of Associate not supervise the work of his teachers. They must examine their pupils and return the results, but they anduct these examinations themselves and mark a music-teacher whose pupils do not do nim credit to mark them as high as those of another music-teacher

#### TEACHERS ABLE TO NEGLECT MUSIC.

An hour a week to music is assigned in the course of study, but music has the best chance of being teplected of any study. "If a principal does not favor his school will know it, and music will be neglected. Many principals do not favor it. If a teacher in a primary or grammar grade faithfully instructs her pupils in music, she will get no credit for it, for it is does not favor music may devote the time to some thing else, to bringing up the standard of her class in some other study, and she will stand higher than the teacher who conscientiously teaches music. This tends to discourage the teaching of music except by

the special music teachers." music. These examinations consist of passages of music to be written on the blackboard and read at sight by the class. But as there is no supervision of the examination, a music-teacher who is destrous of returning a high average for his pupils may help them by singing it through with them, or allowing a few children to do most of the singing, and then mark them as he pleases. There is, therefore, little chance of ascertaining whether a teacher in music does his full duty or not, or of comparing the successful and unsuccessful teachers, as is the case in the other branches. The whole subject of marking is left to the honesty of the teacher.

#### NOT ENOUGH MONEY PROVIDED This evil is due, of course, to the lack of money to employ additional teachers, and thus give the di-

rector an opportunity of exercising thorough supervision. The evil has been greatly increased late, owing to the rapid addition of new schools. The force of teachers is only eighteen. It has not been increased for five years, although many new schools have been added. This force is ludicrously insufficient. Most of the music-teachers, too, are careful and earnest workers, and a great injustice has been done to them. Their salaries were to be increased year by year until they reached a maximum sum, where they were to stop. This is done with other teachers, but the salaries of the musicteachers have not been raised. Their work is spread over a great deal of territory, and in order to cover it it is unavoidable that they should cut the time shorter and shorter in each lesson. In Director Caswell's last report he made the following plea for better treatment from the Board of Education and the Board of Estimate:

In my report of one year ago it was stated that additional teaching force, equivalent to seventy-three hours per week, we'll be needed for the year 1806. A survey of the field as at present laid out, bearing in mind the new classrooms to be opened, to the number of about 20) in new buildings and in additions to old buildings), ought to be convincing of the moderateness of this estimate. Surely ten minutes each week from the special teacher is little enough for any class, and at present, with 2,500 classes, that is about the average. In all feirness, do not cut us any closer—do not make our work less effective by compelling is to make the essons shorter in order to cover the additional ground. It should be observed that although the number of special teachers of music in the employed for full time, twenty-five hours per week. The others are employed for 134 hours per week in the aggregate, which is equivalent to 59-25 teachers at full time. Add to this the time devoted by the director of music to actual teaching in the schools, and we have, say, sixteen special eachers for 2,500 classes, with an average attendance of 103,000 pupils.

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heads of departments and class teachers, we see getting on, but the strain is enormous.

THE BOARD'S MUSIC COMMITTEE. The Music Committee of the Hourd of Education Higgins, chairman, who has devoted much hard and earnest work to improving the musical work of the chools; Mrs. Emma F. Pettennill, Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs, and James L. Drummond, George E. Nos Mr. Williams, when seen by a Trib he knew nothing of the nusical

ne knew mining of the management of the confident that no new music-tensine added. There was not money enough.

Mr. Higgins, whose work on benatication is well known, said: "I doubt that the teaching of music in schools is badly handleapped by the latter than the compact of the same evening school instruction. The teaches that they can't cover the grout We asked for money enough to cover the grout wasked to be the cover the grout w We asked for money enough to cover the newly annexed district, but we didn't get it, and we shall have to go on as best we can. The director visits the outlying schools as often as he can do so cotsistently with his other duties, which is once it two or three months. In one of the angered schools there was a music teacher when the district was annexed. Aside from that, the only way of covering the district is by the director himself adding that duty to his other work and instructing the school teachers. The rest has to be left to those teachers themselves.

#### THE ONLY REMEDY

"There ought to be more music teachers. Mr. handicapped in his work of supervision by the necessity of doing so much teaching.

'As to the possibility that a music teacher can conduct his own examinations and return whatever averages he chooses, the idea was to have them exchange districts when the examinations came around, so that one could examine another's work. Ret it has not always been possible to do that, and it may often be that there is no supervision of a

teacher's work except what he performs himself.

"New schools have been multiplied without increasing the number of teachers. The natural result will be that they will have to cut the lessons, already too short, shorter yet. They will have to cut out some of the old schools so as to enable the teachers to set around to the new ones and go over the ground. That difficulty will be increased by the number of new schools and additions made this fail.

"You can't give a good education in music."

this fall.

"You can't give a good education in music," said Mr. Higgins, "nor anything like such en education as the children ought to have, without remedying these evils. As long as we depend on special music teachers we must have more of them if musical instruction in Brooklyn is going to hold its own with other cities."

### IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

ANOTHER TENEMENT FIRE, WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE INCENDIARY.

Shortly after I o'clock yesterday morning Henry Hinskey, a lunchman, who lived alone on the second floor of the three-story tenement-house, No. 2 Meserole-st., was awakened by a choking sensation. and found his rooms filled with smoke, which was coming from the hallway. Hinskey dressed himself quickly and climbed out of a window to the cornice over the store, on the ground floor, and be gan to alarm the neighbors by his cries of "Fire" He got to the street by going through a window of the adjoining house and running down the stairway. Policeman John Osterle, of the Stagg-st. station. heard Hinskey's shouts, and turned in an alarm heard Hinskey's shouts, and turned in an activation of the house and learned that Hinskey was the only tenant in it. The smoke in the mean time had filled the tenement No. 25, octopled by Italians, who were hurrying down the sightway in their night clothes. Osterle ran upstairs to the second floor and carried to the street a five-year-old child, which had been forgotten by the parents in the excitement. When the firemen arrived they found the excitement when the firemen arrived they found the street and the str old child, which had seen forgotten acrived they found that the flames, which had started at the bottom of the stairs in No. 31, had shot up through the halls to the roof. Several streams of water soon had the fire under control, but a loss estimated at \$1.30 was sustained. The fire had the appearance of incendiary origin, and Fire Marshai Brymer will make an investigation. make an investigation.

A NAIL CAUSES A PAINFUL INJURY. John Walsh, forty-eight years old, of No. 137 Oakland-st., received a painful wound in the right foot yesterday while at work in Healy's Iron Works. North Fourth-st. and Driggs-ave. by stepping of the large step in the step a large iron nail. The nail penetrated the tota such a depth that it was removed with difficilt. An ambulance surgeon dressed the wound. It feared that lockjaw may follow.

FINED FOR DELAYING A TROLLEY-CAR Patrick Collier, a truckman, living at No. 23 Marhattan-ave., was fined \$15 by Justice Goetting in the Lee Avenue Police Court, yesterday, and in the fault of that amount went to jail for ten days. Colier was arrested a week ago for obstructing the track of the Brooklyn, Queens County and Sahrban Railroad. According to the motorman of a Broadway trolley-car, who caused his arrest, herefused to get out of the track for half an hour. Several passengers were in court to corroborate the motorman's statement.

THE BANCROFT LEAVES THE NAVY YARD. The Bancroft left the Navy Yard yesterday promptly at 4 o'clock p. m. and steamed down the Bay to Tompkinsville, where her ordnance stores are to be loaded Commander Belknap could not give the exact hour of his leaving port, but he said it would be as soon as possible.

Orders have been received from the Department for the repairs of the Essex, and also the battle ship Indiana. The former is expected here about October I and the latter about a month later. The Essex is to have a new spar deck, and the big battle-ship will probably go into the drydck and get a thorough overhauling. She will have a new scale tier deck, new water-tight hatchings and many other minor repairs. She is not as pected till about November I.

PARK MUSIC TO BE CONTINUED. The Sunday concerts in Prospect Park will be continued during September. It was reported that to-day's concert would end the season. The last one will be given on Sunday, September 22.